



XA-7889A Re
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Kenji NISHI

Appln. No.: 08/994,758

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For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS

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DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF REISSUE APPLICATION

I, Kenji Nishi, hereby make the following declaration:

- 1) I am a citizen of Japan residing at Kawasaki, Japan. ✓
- 2) I verily believe that I am the original and first inventor of the invention described and claimed in United States Letters Patent No. 5,477,304 and in the specification and claims of reissue Application No. 08/994,758 filed December 19, 1997.
- 3) I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and claims of said application. ✓
- 4) I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that I am aware of which is material to the examination of said application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. ✓
- 5) I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C. § 119 with respect to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 4-284371 filed October 22, 1992, and ✓

4-289985 filed October 28, 1992, the priority of which was also claimed in my original application for patent.

6) I verily believe said Letters Patent to be partly inoperative by reason of my having claimed less than I had a right to claim in said Letters Patent, and more particularly by my having omitted therefrom claims of the scope of Claims 35 and 36 of my said reissue application.

7) The failure to present, in my original application, claims of the scope of Claims 35 and 36 of my reissue application constitutes an error that arose without any deceptive intention on my part or on the part of Nikon Corporation, the Assignee of said Letters Patent.

✓ The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Mar 26, 1998
Date

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